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Dr. A. T. R. Rahman  
President  
Volunteers Association for Bangladesh  
122 Taxter Road  
Irvington, NY 10533

Dear Dr. Rahman:

Congratulations! Your "Capacity Building – Youth, Schools and Community" project has been approved for funding by the students of Operation Day's Work (ODW). We received a total of six proposals. Every one of them was worthy of funding and would make a tremendous difference in the lives of youth in those six countries.

Over the past several weeks, students at our member schools across the United States have been reviewing all six proposals and learning about the different countries. The task of choosing just one proposal to fund was difficult. More than 1,000 students took part in making that decision.

We truly appreciate the effort that went in to preparing your proposal. Students in participating Operation Day's Work schools are already busy learning about Bangladesh and the developing world. The aspect of your program that most appealed to us was not only the modernization of the four high schools, but the opportunity for the project to provide training to 240 low-income students, as well as training to 160 unemployed youth. Many Operation Day's Work students also felt that the teacher workshops and after-school tutoring by teachers and local volunteer professionals were important features in reaching out to the youth in Bangladesh.

We look forward to working together and will now turn our attention to raising the money to fund your proposal. Together, we can positively change the lives of young people around the world. Once again, congratulations!

Sincerely yours,  
/s/  
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